(b) The company has started its production in its unit at Zahura in Hoshiarpur district in May 1990.

(c) The project has reportedly generated direct and indirect employment of over 25,000 excluding the seasonal employment at the farm level.

Fishing vessels brought by the Joint venture companies

1820. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2017 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May 1992 and state:

(a) whether the fishing vessels brought by foreign collaboration will fly the Indian flag;

(b) whether such fishing vessels under Joint ventures or any other contract be registered in the Indian Registry of Shipping; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Deep Sea Fishing vessels brought by joint venture companies registered in India through purchase (outright or deferred payment) will fly India flag as it would be registered with Director General of Shipping, Bombay in terms of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. However, vessels brought on lease or for test fishing by the joint venture company will fly the foreign flag anad will be guided in terms of Maritime Zones of India Act, 1981 and Rules 1982, as amended from time to time. hese being foreign vessels, would not be registered in India.

Setting up of food processing units by M.N.Cs.

1821. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to allow the M.N.Cs./foreign companies to set up food processing industries in the country in private sector during 1992-93 as well as during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether any M.N.C. has approached for setting up of such industry in the country particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa till date; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and decision taken, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India allows foreign companies to set up food processing industries within the parameters of Industrial Policy.

(b) and (c) While some foreign companies have approached and have been permitted to set up ventures in India within the parameters of Industrial Policy, no proposal for any MNC for setting up of Food processing units in Rajasthan and Orissa have been received.

मध्य प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय में न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पद

1822. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय में हाल ही में कुछ न्यायधीशों की नियुक्ति किए जाने के बावजूद अब भी उपयुक्त उच्च न्यायालय में बडी संख्या में न्यायाधीशों के पद रिक्त हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त पदों को कब तक भर दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री के० विजय भास्कर रेड्डी) : (क) और (ख) 1-7-92 को मध्य प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय में 26 स्थायी न्यायाधीशों के और 4 अपर न्यायाधीशों के स्वीकृत पद हैं । 26 स्थायी न्यायधीश और 1 अवर ।